

In The Claims

✓ Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, and 31, cancel claims 32-35, and add new claims ^{33, 36} 36-39, as follows:

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(AMENDED) Anchor with a fluke with a longitudinal axis which extends from the rear end of the fluke to its front end and with connection means for connecting the fluke with the lower end of an anchor line, which connecting means comprise an anchor shank, the connecting means comprising at least one coupling with two cooperating coupling members, the first of which being situated on the fluke side of the coupling and being directly or indirectly connected to the fluke in order to follow its movement and the second being situated on the anchor line side of the coupling and being directly or indirectly connected to the anchor line, the anchor furthermore comprising operation means for the coupling which means are activated by swinging the anchor line held taut in order to enlarge [change] its angle with respect to the longitudinal axis of the fluke and then to mutually displace the first and second coupling member from a coupling position to a decoupling position in which the second coupling member is released or emerges from coupling engagement with the first coupling member, the second coupling member comprising a rigid coupling hook which can be released by means of said manipulation of the anchor line, the first coupling member comprising a pin about which the coupling hook rotatably engages, wherein the coupling hook has a pin receiving hook space its opening facing in the direction of swinging of the anchor line during its movement towards the decoupling position, the operation means being adapted for

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having the hook pivot about an axis, which is parallel to and at a distance from the pin
and located at the side of the pin facing away from the flook, from the coupling position
to a release position.

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3. (AMENDED) Anchor according to claim 1 [or 2], the operation means being
provided with means for [- in the displacement mentioned -] urging away the
[second] coupling hook [member] from the pin [first coupling member] during said
swinging movement of the anchor line.

N.E. Claim 4, line 1, delete "1 or 2" and substitute -1—therefore.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "5" and substitute -4—therefore.

N.E. Claim 7, line 1, delete "5 or 6" and substitute -5—therefore.

N.E. Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute -1—therefore.

N.E. Claim 11, line 1, delete "4 and 10" and substitute -4—therefore.

N.E. Claim 14, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute -1—therefore.

N.E. Claim 21, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims 1-13" and substitute -1—
therefore.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "22" and substitute -20—therefore.

N.E. Claim 24, line 1, delete "21, 22 or 23" and substitute -21—therefore.

Claim 27, line 1, delete "26" and substitute -25—therefore.

N.E. Claim 28, line 1, delete "26 or 27" and substitute -26—therefore.

Claim 30, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute -1—therefore.

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Claim 31, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute -1—therefore.

Rule 1.126
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(NEW) Method for uncoupling a coupling or lock in the connection between the fluke of an anchor and an anchor line, said fluke having a longitudinal axis, the anchor line being swung around in a tightened state in a direction with respect to the longitudinal axis of the fluke in which the angle included by the anchor line and the longitudinal axis is enlarged, wherein use is being made of said coupling or lock comprising a rigid hook rotatingly engaging about a pin for coupling, said hook being moved away from said pin in a direction counter to the direction of said swinging movement of said anchor line, thereby inducing the uncoupling.

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(NEW) Anchor with a fluke with a longitudinal axis which extends from the rear end of the fluke to its front end and with connection means for connecting the fluke with the lower end of an anchor line, which connecting means comprise an anchor shank, the connecting means comprising at least one coupling with two cooperating coupling members, the first of which being situated on the fluke side of the coupling and being directly or indirectly connected to the fluke in order to follow its movement and the second being situated on the anchor line side of the coupling and being directly or indirectly connected to the anchor line, the anchor furthermore comprising operation means for the coupling which means are activated by swinging the anchor line held taut in order to enlarge its angle with respect to the longitudinal axis of the fluke and then to mutually displace the first and second coupling member from a coupling position to a decoupling position in

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which the second coupling member is released or emerges from coupling engagement with the first coupling member, the second coupling member comprising a rigid coupling hook which can be released by means of manipulation of the anchor line, the first coupling member comprising a pin about which the coupling hook engages, wherein the coupling hook has a pin receiving hook space, its opening facing in the direction of swinging of the anchor line during its movement towards the decoupling position, the operation means being adapted for having the hook pivot about an axis, which is parallel to and at a distance from the pin, from the coupling position to a release position, wherein said hook and said anchor line are located on either side of said pivot axis.

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Para 1.126 ³⁵
~~38.~~ (NEW) Anchor according to claim ³⁴~~37~~, wherein the hook rotatably engages the pin for rotation thereabout.

Para 1.124 ³⁶
~~39.~~ (NEW) Anchor with a fluke with a longitudinal axis which extends from the rear end of the fluke to its front end and with connection means for connecting the fluke with the lower end of an anchor line, which connection means comprise an anchor shank, the connection means comprising at least one coupling with two cooperating coupling members, the first of which being situated on the fluke side of the coupling and being directly or indirectly connected to the fluke in order to follow its movement and the second being situated on the anchor line side of the coupling and being directly or indirectly connected to the anchor line, the anchor furthermore comprising operation means for the coupling which means are

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